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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of: Pedersen et al.

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For: LITHOGRAPHICALLY DEFINED

MICROELECTRONIC CONTACT

**STRUCTURES** 

Examiner: Q. Vu

Group Art Unit: 2841

## **AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2001, the period for response to which has been extended to September 24, 2001 (the first business day following September 23, 2001) by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 14-18, with the following replacement paragraph:

This patent application claims the benefits of the following provisional application under 35 USC 119(e): commonly-owned, copending U.S. Patent Application entitled "MICROELECTRONIC CONTACT STRUCTURES", Serial No. 60/073,679 filed 04 Feb 98 by Pedersen and Khandros, incorporated by reference herein.

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